

## VILLA DECLARED OFFICIALLY ALIVE

NOTHING TO INDICATE BANDIT WAS BURIED ON BORJAH RANCH.

### SCOTT AND FUNSTON CONFER

Neither Knows When Americans Will Be Recalled—Carranza Willing to Grant Use of Railroads if U. S. Will Leave.

El Paso, Tex.—Gen. Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, received a message saying that Gen. Jose Cavazos had arrived in Cuernavaca with the report that, after exhuming several bodies in an old hacienda burying ground at Francisco Borjah, he had been unable to identify any as that of Villa.

He said there was nothing there to indicate that Villa was buried at the Francisco Borjah ranch. The Villista Colonel, to whom the promise of amnesty for locating the body of Villa was offered, was shot, the report says.

Scott and Funston Confer. San Antonio, Tex.—Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, and Maj. Gen. Funston, in charge of the operations along the border and in Mexico, personally discussed the problems that have grown out of the punitive expedition in pursuit of Francisco Villa.

Gen. Scott professed not to know whether the American troops were to be recalled without having captured Villa. He was sent here by Secretary of War Baker to discuss the situation in detail with Gen. Funston and to make to the secretary a personal report. Gen. Scott does not intend going to El Paso or Columbus.

To Use R. R. to Get Out.

El Paso, Tex.—It was stated unofficially in Juarez that Gen. Carranza would, in all probability, place the Mexican railroads at the disposal of Gen. Pershing if the expeditionary forces should be withdrawn.

### BARON CHINDA SEES WILSON

Discussed Certain Sections of Japanese Treaty Relating to Oriental Exclusion.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson discussed with Ambassador Chinda of Japan certain provisions of the immigration bill recently passed in the house, which are objectionable to the Tokyo government. At the same time it became known that Japan has sent a memorandum to this country concerning her complaint.

It is understood that Japan's objections to the immigration bill center on two points: The provision which places the Japanese and Hindus in the same classification, and the provision restricting the number of Japanese immigrants. On the latter point, it is said, Japan objects merely to putting the restriction into writing, replacing the present "gentlemen's agreement" existing between the two countries.

### AMERICAN GUNNERS SUPERIOR

Naval Marksmen Set Record for Distance and Accuracy—Hits Made With Big Guns.

New York.—The American gunner on Uncle Sam's battleships has again shown that he is the peer of any marksman in Europe. It was learned at the New York navy yards that the Atlantic fleet, which was recently engaged in maneuvers at Guantanamo, set a new mark while there for long range target practice, both in distance and accuracy.

The records were made with guns of both the 14 and 17-inch sizes.

### Alkaloid Plant Explosion.

Chicago.—An explosion wrecked two floors of the Abbott Alkaloid Co.'s factory here and rocked buildings within a radius of half a mile.

### No High Boots for Berlin.

Berlin.—The German military authorities, who have just banned the wide skirts, now announce that waste of leather in high boots for women must also cease.

### Tinplate Employees Get Increase.

Pittsburgh.—The McKeesport Tinplate Co. announces that a 10 percent increase in wages has been granted to 700 skilled employees.

### Nix on the Skirts.

Chicago.—Short skirts for the men and no skirts at all for the women were approved by Chicago's beach censors as the official bathing costumes at the municipal bathing beaches this summer.

### Bonus for Carranza Soldiers.

Mexico City.—First Chief Carranza has issued an order that all soldiers in the ranks of the constitutional army receive 10 days extra pay. This is the second bounty of a like nature made to the army within a month.

### Steel Workers Get Raise.

Coatesville, Pa.—An announcement has been made by the Lyons Iron & Steel Company and the World Bros. Company of a general increase of wages for their 10,000 employees, effective May 1.

### Told She's Not Pretty—Suicides.

Champaign, Ill.—Despondent because her friends said she was not good looking, Miss Clara Swearingen, university of Illinois co-ed and daughter of a banker, committed suicide by taking gas.

## BULGARIAN KING VISITS HIS ALLIES



King of Bulgaria (1), his prime minister, Radoslaw (4), Archduke Frederic (3), and General Jekow (2), on a visit to the Austrian headquarters. This photograph, just received in America, shows the Archduke Frederic meeting the king of Bulgaria at the train and escorting him to the headquarters.

## WAR VESSELS MADE READY PAPERS MAY BE RESTORED

BOSTON HARBOR PRESENTS A SCENE OF ACTIVITY.

Thirty Ships Will Be at Top Notch of Efficiency Inside the Next Two Weeks.

Boston, Mass.—Seven thousand bluejackets at the Charleston navy yard were put in overalls for the purpose of making the 30 war vessels in the harbor ready for sea at the earliest possible hour. It was authorized by the navy department that every ship would be at the top notch of efficiency in 15 days.

The enlisted men are being employed because of the difficulty in obtaining efficient civilian mechanics.

"It is a measure of preparedness," was officially explained, "the necessity of which was increased by the fact that we have been handicapped for months by a shortage of civilian workmen and material. If we are to make these ships ready for sea at an early notice, repairs must be completed soon and it was found that the only way to accomplish this was to put the bluejackets to work."

The vessels to be overhauled include 10 battleships, 10 torpedo boat destroyers, three scout cruisers, one submarine and several auxiliary ships.

## ARMENIANS SLAIN IN CAPITAL

Editor Asserts Turks Turned on Whole People Instead of Punishing Plotters Only.

New York.—The Rev. Charles T. Riggs, who for seven years was editor of "The Orient," published at Constantinople, declared here that Armenian massacres were checked by Germany and Austria. He said not more than 500,000 Armenians were killed, instead of 1,000,000, as has been reported.

The Turks, he explained, had turned on a whole people instead of concentrating their efforts on the punishment of individuals actually engaged in fomenting revolutions. Millions of Turks, Riggs said, are in dire need, and conditions are getting worse steadily. Prices, especially those of foods, have risen from 500 to 1000 per cent. The most serious condition has arisen, however, from the lack of medicines. Quinine cannot be bought at all.

## ASKS INTERED SHIPS MOVED

Says Request is to "Safeguard Lives and Property in Event of Break in Relations."

Boston, Mass.—Mayor Curley requested Collector of the Port Edmund Billings to order the removal from the wharves on the local water front of German and Austrian steamers which are tied up here, as a means, he said, "of safeguarding lives and property in the event of a break in the relations between the United States and Germany."

The mayor explained the request was made in view of the situation, as it is known to the public, and not because he had received any special information.

## School Superintendent Resigns.

St. Joseph, Mo.—J. A. Whitford, for the last 12 years superintendent of schools here, has resigned. Vernon G. Mays was elected to succeed him.

## Big Class for Naval Academy.

Washington.—Estimates made public by Secretary Daniels show that between 550 and 600 midshipmen, the largest class ever admitted in a single year, will enter the 1918 class at Annapolis in June.

## Girl Hazards "Canned."

Chicago.—Twelve St. Luke Hospital nurses, members of this year's graduating class, have been suspended for a month for getting a first-year nurse ready for a cold ducking and other hazing escapades.

## Strike Situation Quiet.

Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.—With four companies of the state militia in control, the strike situation at this place is quiet, except for one minor disturbance when two foreigners attempted to disarm a trooper.

## Auto Workers Get Raise.

Toledo, O.—Notice was posted in the Willis-Overland automobile factory that wages of all employees would be increased from 4 to 10 per cent on June 1. More than 17,000 employees will be benefited.

## MAKES PLEA FOR GAME PRESERVES

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER BUF. FUM WISHES EACH COUNTY TO HAVE FARM.

### GOOD ROADS; NO WILD LIFE

Urges Farmers to Plant Crops Which Will Invite Game Birds to Breed and Stick Around.

Jefferson City.

In a letter directed to the press of Missouri State Highway Commissioner Frank W. Bufum makes a plea for the establishment of game preserves in each county.

With the building of highways in all sections he finds there is a rapid depletion of wild life, and he fears the extinction in a few years unless propagation and protective farms are established at once.

He says there are now no deer except in a few counties, no wild turkeys north of the Missouri river, and in some counties even quail are things of the past.

In addition to the establishment of game farms he urges farmers to plant kafir corn, sorghum, sunflowers and other crops for cover and food for the game birds.

Missouri's next governor will not be inaugurated in the new \$3,500,000 state capitol. Neither will the next general assembly hold its sessions in the new structure. The capitol will not be ready for occupancy until the latter part of 1917.

This information was obtained from state officials and the members of the state capitol commission.

Candidates for governor who have been looking forward to being inaugurated in the new state capitol will be disappointed. Whoever is elected will have to be satisfied to remain in the "plaster capitol" for at least a year.

Members of the next legislature will have "to serve their time" in the temporary wooden building or remain at home.

The capitol commission so far has expended approximately \$1,555,185 of the \$3,500,000 which was provided in the state bond issue to build the new capitol.

The steel framework of the new capitol is not yet entirely enclosed with stone, and it probably will be several weeks before the exterior work is finished. The big steel skeleton of the dome also is yet unenclosed. About 2,000 carloads of stone have been set and about 5,000,000 brick laid as backing for the walls. In all \$1,944,815.04 still remains in the state treasury to the credit of the capitol commission.

## New Judicial Aspirant.

Representative Noah W. Simpson of Lewis county, has filed with Secretary of State Roch declaration of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for judge of the first judicial district, composed of the counties of Adair, Knox and Lewis.

Charles C. Crow of Kansas City has filed for the Democratic nomination for judge of the Kansas City court of appeals. Other candidates for the nomination in this district are Major J. Lilly of Moberly, J. W. Suddath of Warrensburg and Ewing C. Bland of Kansas City.

## Dates to Hear Rail Pleas.

Under a resolution adopted by the state board of equalization dates have been fixed for the hearing of the pleas of railroads and other corporations to the valuation of their property for 1918 taxes.

The hearings will begin Wednesday and continue until the 1st of May. The corporations include railroads, telephone and telegraph, bridges and street and interurban electric railroads.

Last year the total assessment of the railroad and other corporate property was about \$135,000,000. This year it is expected that the normal rate of increase will place the total slightly in advance of \$200,000,000.

## March Interest Paid.

The state treasury is richer by approximately \$17,000 as a result of the collection of interest on state deposits for the month of March.

## To Review Bank Assessment.

The supreme court has granted a writ of certiorari against the St. Louis board of equalization for the purpose of reviewing the action of that board in raising the assessments of the St. Louis banks and trust companies from 50 to 70 per cent of their full value. The writ was made returnable in 30 days.

## Plans to Refund Bonds.

An application of the United Railways Co. of St. Louis to the Missouri public service commission, for permission to issue \$2,000,000 of bonds on the St. Louis & Meramec River and the St. Louis & Suburban lines was shown to be merely for the purpose of refunding the same amount of bonds now outstanding.

President Richard McCulloch said the new issue would not increase the bonded indebtedness of the company, as the old bonds would be immediately retired by the new issue.

## Bank Examiner Resigns.

The resignation of John S. Wood, 40 years of age, of New London, Mo., who, as state bank examiner has been stationed in St. Louis for the last few years, has been announced by State Bank Commissioner John T. Mitchell.

## Mr. Wood was secretary of Group No. 6 of the Missouri Bankers' Association, and says he has been in the business for 30 years.

He resigned to accept a position as national bank examiner under Comptroller John S. Williams in Washington, D. C.

## Roads Seek Lower Assessments.

Certain railroads which are complaining of the high assessments on which they are compelled to pay taxes in Missouri, are urged by the state board of equalization to study the figures in neighboring states.

Here is a comparison of the taxes paid per mile of road in Missouri and adjacent states: Missouri, \$253; Iowa, \$250; Kansas, \$397; Oklahoma, \$433; Arkansas, \$365.

The following figures indicate the excess of Missouri earnings over the earnings of adjacent states for a few roads:

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy—Missouri, \$13,049; Iowa, \$8,807; Nebraska, \$7,244; Kansas, \$1,106.

Missouri Pacific—Missouri, \$11,753; Nebraska, \$5,096; Kansas, \$5,328.

Iron Mountain—Missouri, \$12,487; Oklahoma, \$11,333; Arkansas, \$10,062.

St. Louis & San Francisco—Missouri, \$10,294; Kansas, \$9,391; Oklahoma, \$6,978; Arkansas, \$1,163.

The records of the public service commission in the rate increase cases show that railroads which certified to a total valuation of \$429,650,503 were assessed by the state board of equalization in 1913 at only \$96,573,667.

The assessment is only 22 per cent of the value of the roads as fixed by the carriers themselves.

## Lid on Tight at St. Joseph.

Under instructions from Gov. Major the lid has been clamped down tight on St. Joseph—in fact, that municipality is enjoying a touch of blue laws.

The governor wrote to Dr. U. G. Crandall, president of the Police Board, saying that he wanted him to clamp the lid on tight.

Crandall proceeded to do this. Intoxicants now cannot be had in the cafes, which were run in connection with saloons.

The governor admitted that he wrote to Crandall. He said he told him that he understood the excise laws were as well enforced in St. Joseph as they had ever been, but that he wanted them enforced better than they have ever been.

## Not a "Single Tax" Measure.

The Missouri Farmer, published at Columbia, has the following to say about the land bank amendment: "Special interests and demagogic politicians who have not been able to find any good argument against the proposed land bank scheme are resorting to the old political methods of the tricksters and are trying to confuse the minds of the voters by crying out, 'Beware of the land bank as the first step to the single tax.'"

"The false statement is made that the Gardner Land Bank exempts all farm mortgages from taxation and is therefore a single tax measure. In reply, let us say, the only exemption under this act is the assets of the land bank, which includes the debenture bonds issued to the land bank. The constitutional amendment, which is to be voted on next November, is to make no provision whatever for the exemption of any farm mortgages as every one knows who has read the amendment."

## Governor Major on Tour.

The impression that the sentiment of the Middle Western section of the United States is opposed to either the preparedness program or foreign policies of President Wilson is erroneous, was the statement of Gov. Elliot W. Major in an address at Atlanta, Ga.

Gov. Major is on a pleasure tour of the Southeast, during which trip he is visiting the governors of several states.

## Swanger Not Prohibitionist.

John E. Swanger, Republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination is out in a statement denying he is a nation-wide Prohibitionist.

## New Head for Osteopathic Board.

Governor Major announces he appointment of Dr. W. D. Dobson of St. Louis as member of the state board of osteopathic registration and examination. He will succeed Dr. Wm. J. Deeming of Brookfield, president of the board, whose term expires on the 1st of May. Dr. Dobson will serve for a term of five years from that date.

## Two St. Louisans File.

Following Republican candidates filed their declarations of candidacy for office with the Secretary of State: Thomas J. Atkins of St. Louis, for United States Senator; Conroy Elder of St. Louis, for Attorney General; Alfred Pettit of Knox City, for State Treasurer.

## Requisition for Union Man Honored.

Governor Major honored a requisition from the governor of Illinois for the return to Benton, Ill., of R. M. Griffith, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$100 belonging to the United Mine Workers of America.

## Receiver for Insurance Company.

Walter K. Chorn, state superintendent of insurance, made application to the Circuit Court for the appointment of a receiver for the Metropolitan Town Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which has offices in the Central National Bank Building.

The petition charges that the company has policies outstanding for \$262,000 and that it has not sufficient assets to meet its liabilities. The company has been in business a little more than a year.

## Offers Job to Pike Countian.

Gov. Major has offered the office of assistant counsel of the Public Service Commission, a position which pays a salary of \$3600 a year, to Raa Pearson, a Pike County lawyer, residing at Louisiana.

## U. S. SOLDIERS TO STAY IN MEXICO

SECRETARY BAKER ANNOUNCES FOR REDISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

### TO SAFEGUARD BORDER TOWNS

Carranza Men to Be Withdrawn from Friction Points—Plan Proposed by Funston, Concurred in by Scott.

Washington.—The troops of the American expeditionary force will remain in Mexico.

Secretary of War Baker in a formal announcement, said that President Wilson had approved a plan for redispotion of the American troops in Mexico.

Behind his statement there was a plain intimation that the Washington government had determined to maintain a military status quo beyond the border until the Mexican de facto government had demonstrated its ability to capture or crush Villa and his adherents and prevent repetition of the Columbus, N. M., raid.

In the interim, it is understood, the American troops will be so placed as to safeguard the border towns by virtually polling the area south of the line where Gen. Carranza has been heretofore unable to check the bandit operations.

A news dispatch from El Paso says that to avoid the danger of clashes with American troops, Gen. Herrera and other Carranza commanders are withdrawing their forces from Parral and Guerrero districts and are taking them in the direction of Chihuahua City. Gen. Herrera stated he wanted to give Gen. Pershing a free hand in the district where he was located.

Secretary Baker announces the approval of the redispotion plan after consulting with the president over a joint report submitted by Maj. Gen. Funston and Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff, in conference on the border. The plan was proposed by Gen. Funston and concurred in by Gen. Scott.

## ONCE OFFICE BOY, AT 47 HE NOW GETS \$125,000 A YEAR

Thomas E. Wilson, President of New York Packing Firm, Will Have Jurisdiction Over 12,000 Workers.

New York, N. Y.—From an office boy to the job of president of Sulzberger & Sons, a New York and Chicago meatpacking corporation, at a salary of \$125,000 a year, is the gamut run by Thomas E. Wilson, who will also get a percentage on business done which will run at least \$125,000 additional.

Wilson will have jurisdiction over some 12,000 employees. He is 47 years old and entered the meat-packing business after attending the public schools in Chicago.

## GOOD ROADS BILL BLOCKED

\$75,000,000 Congressional Measure Is Considered Dead at Least for the Present Session.

Washington, D. C.—After three days' debate on the Bankhead good roads bill, the senate adjourned without reaching a vote, and under the recently adopted legislative program the measure now will be displaced by the rural credit bill. This is generally regarded as meaning that there will be no roads legislation at this session.

Senator Bankhead's bill would appropriate \$75,000,000 during the next five years, to be used with an equal amount contributed by the states, for road building.

## DANISH WINE SHIP IS SEIZED

German Cruiser Takes Into Swine-muende Vessel Bound From Bordeaux to Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—The Danish steamer "Esbjerg," bound from Bordeaux for Copenhagen with a cargo of wine, has been seized by a German cruiser in the Cattagat and taken to Swinemuende.

## Citizens for Camp.

Washington.—War department reports indicate that attendance at the army instruction camps for civilians this summer will approximate 28,000.

## Farmer Captures 8 Cub Wolves.

Sterling, Ill.—Joseph Patterson captured eight cub wolves on his farm, the mother getting away after resisting an attack with a club.

## Bond-Jumper Caught.

Wichita, Kan.—An oil promoter giving the name of Joseph Barnes, was arrested by Police Chief Hay. Barnes is said to be wanted by the Canadian government in Alberta for jumping a \$20,000 bond.

## Ranger Killed.

Visalia, Cal.—Charles V. Blossom, for 30 years chief forest ranger in the Sierra National Forest, and Wm. Menefer, were instantly killed near here when an automobile driven by Blossom overturned.

## Prohl, Decision.

Seattle, Wash.—An opinion rendered by Judge Gilliam in the superior court holds that the state prohibition law, forbidding the sale of "malt liquors," includes all liquids of malt origin or containing malt extract.

## Sale of Jerseys at Palmyra.

Palmyra, Mo.—H. B. Owley's public sale of fine registered Jersey cattle netted nearly \$7,000.

Col. D. M. Perry of Columbus, Ohio, cried the sale and B. C. Settles of this city was manager.

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## The Trouble.

"Those soldiers don't look natural. It's a fake film." "No, it is not. The soldiers are real soldiers. Not being versed in acting, of course they don't look natural."

## IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY